28 April, 2016

**Lions Club “Courageous Children” Award Ceremony**

Congratulations to Jacob, Mary, Jordyn and Riley who were all recipients of a “Courageous Children” award at a recent Cranbourne Lions Club award ceremony. Each of these children is a worthy recipient of this award as on a daily basis they overcome some form of adversity and thrive in our school environment.

Each child was presented with a medallion, a certificate, a Lions Club teddy bear and a cupcake which had both the logo of “Courageous Children” and that of the Lions Club on it.

Prior to the presentation ceremony the children enjoyed face painting, playing in a jumping castle and partaking in a delicious spread. Thank you to the Cranbourne Lions Club for their hospitality and generosity.

**Woodlands Walk**

Our Foundation students recently attended their first school excursion. They travelled to the Botanic Gardens Cranbourne and participated in the Woodlands Walk, an annual event planned by the City of Casey.
Camp Alexandra

Last week students from grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended a school camp in Alexandra. They had absolutely sensational weather for the duration of the camp and enjoyed a wide range of activities including orienteering, archery, kayaking, rope courses and much, much more! I was delighted to visit them at the camp on the Tuesday evening. After enjoying a meal of chicken schnitzel, chips and veggie we settled in to watch a movie.

Many thanks to the staff – Mr Corey Pearce, Mr Colum Hughes, Miss Fiona Kops, Mr Mark Nolan, Mrs Kerry Begg-Boyle, Mr Joshua Guy, Mrs Christine Petersen, Mrs Lee Bendon and Mrs Rina Shields – who gave up their time to attend the camp, and to the children who attended for their great behaviour and amazing levels of enthusiasm and participation in all of the camp activities.
ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Monday 25 April Haylee, Valbona and Prathana represented our school and participated in the R.S.L.’s wreath laying ceremony at Cranbourne Cenotaph. Thank you to Mrs. Karen Middlebrook for her organization of the event.

Mother’s Day Stall

On Thursday 5 May 2016 our annual Mother’s day stall will be held. We have a wonderful range of gorgeous gifts available for the students to purchase. The gifts range in price from $5 to $15. We suggest that students bring spending money for the stall to school on Thursday 5 May 2016 in a clearly named envelope. We are looking for volunteers - If you would like to assist with “manning” the stall on, Thursday 5 May 2016 please leave your name and contact details with Chris at our General Office. Thank you in anticipation of your support of this fundraising activity.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students will take the 2016 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives. All students are expected to participate in the tests. Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you
must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: [http://www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers.

**Working with the Cranbourne Lions Club**

Over the past year or so we have been developing a close relationship with Cranbourne Lions Club. Last year we were involved with the Lions Club’s Junior Public Speaking Competition and we began assisting them with their work by collecting used reading and sunglasses, hearing aids and stamps. Collection boxes are at the office and all donations are gratefully received.

**Greatly Valued Relationship with VIEW**

VIEW is another community organisation with whom we have a greatly valued relationship. Over the years the generous members of VIEW have supported us in many ways including providing assistance in the classrooms and to run our Breakfast Club. Our choir is looking forward to performing for them on May 4 at the commencement of their monthly meeting. In addition, we will be donating some craft items that the children have made to their trading table.

**Breakfast Club**

Our breakfast club, Klub Makan, is available to all Cranbourne Park Primary School students. It is held every school day morning in our Multi-Purpose Room and is free of charge. The breakfast club 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 a cup of milk or juice. Klub Makan is run by Mrs Rina Shields.

Students who use the breakfast club are required to pre-register. If your child is interested in joining Klub Makan 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.
The students, teachers and staff of Foundation, Grade One and Grade Two are very excited to show their appreciation for the achievements and efforts of mothers and significant female figures in students’ lives.

Each student is given the opportunity to invite their mother, grandmother, female caregiver or a special female friend to an afternoon tea to be held in the BER on Friday May 6th between 2pm and 3pm.

Students and their guests will be able to enjoy an afternoon of games, crafts and other fun activities together. There will also be a small afternoon tea supplied to share.

**Disco**

Super Heroes, Stars and Legends

![Super Heroes, Stars and Legends](image)

**Come dressed in costume, or come as you are!**

**THURSDAY 19 MAY, 2016**

Foundation – Year 2, 5.00pm – 6.15pm  
Year 3 – Year 6, 6.30pm – 7.45pm  
**Cost $6.00**

Show bags will be on sale at a cost of $5.50 each. Free iced water will be provided throughout the disco.

The disco will be fully supervised by staff and all children attending the disco must be current students of Cranbourne Park Primary School. Parents / guardians are requested to drop students off at the gymnasium door and collect the students at the gymnasium door at the end of the disco. Thank you.

**Participation in Physical Education and Sports Lessons**

From time to time students have been exempted from physical education and sports lessons by their parents, because “they are not the sporty type” and “don’t like sport”. 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 schools.
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.
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.
Please provide a written note addressed to Mr. Corey Pearce should you wish your child to be
exempt from sport and physical education at any time. The note must be signed and dated,
and the reason and duration for exemption from sport provided. I look forward to your
support in this matter.

**Headlice**

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.
Following is some information about head lice.

**About head lice**

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice and given the chance
head lice move from head to head without discrimination.

- Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects.
- Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown.
- People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head
  lice.
- Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to
  head. They can only crawl.

**Finding head lice**

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

**Step 1**
Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and
makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

**Step 2**
Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

**Step 3**
Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

**Step 4**
Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

**Step 5**
Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times

If lice or eggs are found, the child's hair should be treated.

Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will 'pop' when squashed between fingernails.
The Life Cycle of Head Lice

1. Egg is laid on hair shaft. Egg is called a 'nit'.
2. Louse emerges after 6-7 days.
3. First moult 2 days after hatching.
4. Second moult 5 days after hatching.
5. Third moult 10 days after hatching.
6. Emerging from their third moult as adult lice, the female and slightly similar male begin to reproduce.
7. Female lays first egg 1 or 2 days after mating.
8. Female can lay approximately 3 to 8 eggs per day for the next 16 days.
9. Having lived 32 to 35 days the louse dies.

Treating head lice

- Concentrate on the head - there is no evidence to suggest that you need to clean the house or classroom.
- **No treatment kills all of the eggs** so treatment must involve two applications seven days apart.
- If you are using lotions, apply the product to dry hair.
- There is no need to treat the whole family, unless they also have head lice.
- Only the pillowcase requires specific laundering; either wash it in hot water (at least 60 degrees centigrade) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.
- There is no product available that prevents head lice. Using the conditioner and comb method once a week will help you detect any head lice early and minimise the problem. Tying back long hair can help prevent the spread of head lice.
- Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be use.

Many people find that adding a few drops of lavender essential oil and / or tea tree essential oil to your normal shampoo and conditioner is an effective preventative measure. Give it a go if you're having trouble with head lice.
School Crossing Supervisor of the Year Award

As part of our commitment to the ongoing safety of your students, School Crossing’s Victoria together with your local council is looking for the ‘Supervisor of the Year 2015/2016’.

There are seven regions across the state. A winner will be selected in each region and the overall winner will be selected from the regional winners. The winner of the 2013/2014 Supervisor of the Year was Marlene Holden from the Kingston City Council. School Crossing’s Victoria would like to enlist your help to boost this year’s nominations.

It is our goal to reach as many parents, residents and school staff as possible by involving them in the nomination process. We encourage all road users to think about, and reward, the active role the Supervisors play in the safety of their children.

Your support of this program will help ensure your Crossing Supervisors are shown the appreciation they deserve.

Nominations are open now and close on Friday May 6, 2016. Nomination forms are available from the School Crossings Victoria website at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope you will be able to support this initiative.

Yours Faithfully
Dreena Lawrence-Gray
School Crossing Victoria
Chairperson

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 2nd          Student free day
May 4th          Responsible Pet Ownership F – 2
May 5th          Mother’s Day Stall
May 6th          Mother’s Day/Special Person’s afternoon tea F - 2
May 19th         DISCO
Cranbourne & District No Interest Loan Scheme

Interest free loans to assist individuals of families on low income.

(check Conditions apply)

No Interest Loans for:
- Whitegoods
- Electrical items
- Household Furniture
- Health Aids
- Education Expenses

What is a NILS loan?
A no interest - no fees loan to assist individuals or families on low incomes to purchase new essential household items, or to meet other essential needs.

What can a loan be for?
- Whitegoods
- Televisions
- Heaters / Air conditioners
- Computers
- Furniture
- Gardening equipment
- Education expenses
- Health aids
- Musical instruments
- Car registration

This list is a guide only. Special conditions apply. Please contact NILS for more information.

Loans can NOT be used for:
- Emergency relief
- Bond or rent money
- Living expenses
- Utility bills
- Car repairs
- Loan or debt repayments

How much can be borrowed?
The maximum loan amount is $1,000 for one item or $2,000 per household. Once the loan has been repaid in full, applicants may be able to apply for another loan.

How are repayments made?
Repayments are usually made via CentrePay, however other payment options may be available.

How much are repayments?
Repayments will be negotiated at an affordable rate.

How long does it take to process the application?
Most applications take up to two weeks to complete from the time you attend an interview with us.

Eligibility Criteria:
You must have a low income which is usually a health care or pension card.

You must live in one of the following suburbs: Blind Bight, Cannons Creek, Clyde, Cranbourne, Devon Meadows, Fiveways, Hampton Park, Junction Village, Lynbrook, Lynhurst, Pearcedale, Tooradin or Warneet.

You must have lived at your current Casey South address for at least six months.

How to apply:
1. Talk to a CISS Volunteer who will take your details and complete a NILS Enquiry.
2. The enquiry will be passed onto a NILS worker who will contact you.
3. Collect all the documents listed on the checklist.
4. Go shopping for a quote. Remember, the loan can be for up to $1,000.
5. When all the documents are collected, contact CISS on 5996 3333 and ask for a NILS worker to make an appointment. If no NILS worker is available, leave a message including your contact details and your call will be returned.
6. Attend your interview with all the documents. Information is gathered from documents and a budget is completed to determine if a NILS loan is suitable for you.

The loan application is presented to the Loan Panel for assessment during the following week. You will be phoned with the Loan Panel’s decision, usually within 7 days.

If the loan is approved, you will need to come in and sign a Loan Agreement and CentrePay form.

Payment will be organised with the supplier. You will be contacted by the supplier to arrange collection or delivery.

Repayments on the loan will begin following receipt of goods.

If the loan application is declined, you will be contacted and the reasons will be explained. Alternatives or other assistance will be discussed. We want to provide you with safe, fair and affordable credit and make sure that you are capable of repaying the loan without causing financial stress.

Good Shepherd Microfinance