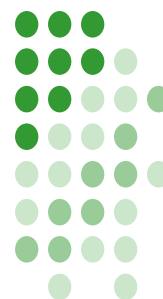


Parker's Capers and Papers



Merit Award Recipient

CONGRATULATIONS!

to Mark Stoker, one of our Foundation students, for receiving a school merit award. Mark received the award at a recent assembly because of his consistent use of outstanding manners at Klub Makan, our Breakfast Club. Mark has been an outstanding role model for all students. Well done Mark!

Lyndhurst Secondary College Academic Challenge - CHAMPIONS!

Recently Victoria Barnett, Polina Afanasyeva and Jashan Jangra represented Cranbourne Park Primary School at Lyndhurst Secondary College's Academic Challenge. The Academic Challenge was held on our student free day but that didn't deter our wonderful students who went along and competed anyway. After five taxing rounds of questions, our team were victorious! Congratulations on your sterling effort team! In addition to their outstanding academic performance, I have been complimented by several Lyndhurst Secondary College staff members on the exemplary behaviour, outstanding attitude and general excellent demeanour of our team. Our team certainly demonstrated our school values and were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you!



Visit from Lyndhurst Secondary College's School Transition and Engagement Leader Lisa Williams, the Primary School Transition and Engagement Leader at Lyndhurst Secondary College, will be visiting our school on Friday 5 May to give our year 6 students some information about Lyndhurst Secondary College. Lisa will be available to speak with any parents interested in learning more about Lyndhurst Secondary College after school on Friday.

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Dates to Remember

May 5th
Book club orders due
Classroom Helper's Meeting

May 11th
Mother's Day Stall

May 16th
Marine Life 1 / 2
Seaweed Sally F

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I Sea, I Care

Our *I Sea, I Care* Ambassadors have been working very hard to prepare resources for their peer teaching sessions with our grade 1 / 2 students. At a recent meeting the *I See, I Care* Ambassadors planned some fundraising activities. Watch out for some great events coming up. The money they raise will be donated to The Dolphin Research Institute.

Soon our Ambassadors will be participating in their third workshop. During this workshop they will see a litter trap being emptied, conduct a litter survey, collect litter, learn about freshwater invertebrates and observe water testing. It will be a busy and informative day.

ANZAC Day



Thank you to our school captains and to other members of our school community who attended the recent ANZAC Day ceremony at the Cranbourne Cenotaph. It was moving to see such a large crowd gather on this national day of remembrance.

NAPLAN 2017

On Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May, students in years 3 and 5 will undertake the 2017 NAPLAN tests.

All students are expected to participate in the tests.

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 Australian children. To prepare our students for the NAPLAN testing program, students have been learning about exam techniques and strategies and have looked at past NAPLAN tests so as to become familiar with the test format.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

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 from the school office.

We wish all the year 3 and 5 students all the best with the NAPLAN testing.

We know that you will do your best!



It's Not OK To Be Away

It's Not OK to be Away IS....

A program in the school's strategic and annual Implementation plan to improve student attendance.

A program aimed at parents to raise awareness of unnecessary absenteeism.

A visible tracking system to acknowledge great attendance.

An incentive for students to attend everyday if fit and healthy.

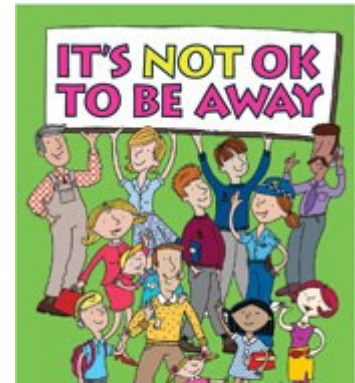
Acknowledges students who obtain 100% attendance with a simple certificate and a celebratory party.

It's Not OK to be Away Is NOT...

An attempt to get students to school when they are unwell.

Targeting families who quite rightly keep children home when sick.

A program that punishes students who can't attend due to illness.



Teachers and parents have a united responsibility to ensure students understand the reality of this program.

Is it important to be at school every day? Yes.

Is it more important than your health and Well-being? – Definitely Not.

Teachers will be initiating these discussions in classrooms and further conversations about the importance of health and well-being at home will really help.

We look forward to seeing a big improvement in our school attendance data from this year.

Average Number of Days Absent Per Student in 2016 – Let's Improve on This!

Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
14.5	16.8	12.8	16.3	16.3	14.3	20.5

Sensation Art Displays



Mothers Day Stall

Remember the Mother's Day stall on Thursday 11 May. There is an enormous range of lovely gifts from which the children will be able to choose. Gifts range in price from \$2.00 to \$10.00.

If you would like to assist Rina Shields at the Mother's Day stall, please leave your name and phone number at the office. Thank you.



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CLASSROOM HELPERS MEETING

WHEN: - Friday 5th May 2017

TIME: - 2:35pm - 3:15pm

WHERE: -The Staffroom

WHAT WE WILL BE DOING: - Help prepare this year's student display in
the gym

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be provided.

Anyone who is free and would like to join us is more than welcome.

Look forward to seeing you!

Enrol now for 2018

**We are now accepting
enrolments for the 2018
school year.
Please contact us any
time to arrange a personal
school tour.**

Now Enrolling

**Come in for
a Tour!**



HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



1,000 Books Before School



Start a reading journey with your child in a new statewide program - **1000 Books Before School!**

Sharing stories with babies and young children gives them a head start in developing literacy skills that will prepare them for school, and of course, a lifelong love of reading. Imagine all of the quality bonding time this will give you and your child together, and all of the adventures you will have!

How does it work? Simply register at your local library, receive your kit and you're off! Have fun with marking, colouring or placing a sticker on your Reading Record each time you read together with your child. When you reach a milestone in your Reading Record, bring it in to the library for a special reward. Every book that your child completes, or actively listens to, counts – this includes stories read at Storytime sessions, daycare, playgroup, kindergarten, as well as the same book over and over again. You can read books from anywhere, not just library books! The program finishes once your child reaches 1000 books, or starts school.

Remember reading 1000 books before school is the goal, but every time you read with your child you are helping them build essential skills for life.

Happy Reading!

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.**

Dr. Seuss

