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Welcome to our new students

We are delighted to welcome 4 new students to our school this term. We hope that you settle in quickly, have fun, learn lots and make many new friends.

Welcome to Peter Campbell, Alekhya Annapureddy and Mary Strickland

Peter has recently been appointed as a Leading Teacher to our school and Alekhya and Mary as Teacher Support staff.



Peter comes to Cranbourne Park from Dandenong Primary School where he taught ICT for the last 2 years and grade 3/4 for 2 years before that. Prior to his position at Dandenong Primary School, Peter was a Teaching and Learning and Ultranet coach for the Casey Central and Peninsula sub regions of Southern Metropolitan Region. He joined the Teaching and Learning Coach program in 2008 and coached in three primary schools and one secondary College. In 2010/2011 he was asked to act as the Regional Ultranet Emergency Coach. As an Ultranet Coach Peter worked in 25 schools in the Cranbourne and Frankston area.

Before this Peter worked at Courtenay Gardens Primary School as a coordinator and member of the leadership team.

Peter returned to teaching in 2004 after working in a largely training and management role in his own business, Crown Casino Surveillance Department, and with the Australian Army. Whilst in the army he educated training personnel for deployment to Timor and seeing operational service as a member of the Peace Monitoring Group in Bougainville.

Alekhya has recently completed training as an Integration Aide and Mary comes to us from the Catholic system where she was working as an integration aide.

We warmly welcome Peter, Alekhya and Mary to our school.

Welcome to Susan McDonald

Susan is Assistant Principal at Doveton College. She is currently participating in the Unlocking Potential: Principal Preparation Program through the Bastow Institute for Educational Leadership. As part of this course Susan will spend 20 days at Cranbourne Park Primary School. Susan has worked as a classroom teacher before becoming a Reading Recovery Tutor, working with teachers at many schools across Northern Victoria. She recently spent several years in the USA as a literacy facilitator for schools across the country.



Many thanks to all of those who supported our Election day Sausage Sizzle by purchasing “a snag”. Steve Condon, Charles McDonald and I enjoyed catching up and chatting with past and present members of our school community who stopped by to purchase a sausage in bread.

Carpet Repairs

Over the holidays carpet repairs were undertaken in rooms 7 and 17 and the carpet was replaced in Room 10. Next holidays we will be replacing the carpet in the Multi-purpose room.

Additional Playground Facilities

We are currently investigating additional playground resources. Once we have some plans they will be shared with members of our school community. We look forward to receiving your input.

New Computers

The children are loving our new touch screen computers!



Parent Opinion Survey

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15 per cent of the school community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. This year the 2016 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from 25 July to 5 August 2016.

The survey is designed to take **no more than 20 minutes to complete** and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be.

Please be assured that responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open-ended question will be scanned and provided back to the school.

If you are one of the families who are randomly selected to complete the survey, I ask you to take the time to complete it as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

When completed please seal your survey in the envelope provided. Your child's name and year level is written on the back of the envelope. Your child's name will only be used to record you have returned the survey. The sealed envelope will not be opened by the school but will be sent to an independent organisation for collation and reporting. The results will be shared with parents via the School Council later in the year.

Please return your completed survey to school by **Friday, 29th July 2016**.

Lunchtime Activities

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

In addition, the ICT lab is open every recess and lunchtime. There are certainly always lots of things for our students to do.

“The World is Waiting for YOUR Words” Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition

Once again we have been invited to participate in the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition. This is a great opportunity for our students as public speaking is known to:

- Increase self confidence
- Increase the ability to communicate to a wider audience
- Encourage students to think more widely on a range of issues, and
- Prepare students for future roles which include speaking to an audience.

Through participation in this program students develop skills in:

- Looking for information using a number of resources – this may include books, the internet or speaking with family, friends and community members
- Expanding knowledge and understanding of a particular topic
- Organising thoughts and feelings and then confidently expressing them to others.

Students are given a topic (chosen by Lions) and are asked to prepare a speech on this topic.

Years 3 – 4 are asked to prepare a three (3) minute speech and Year 5 – 6 students are asked to prepare a four (4) minute speech.

The topic for 2016 children in Grades 5 and 6 is “A day in my life as a ... ” whilst the topic for children in grades 3 and 4 is “My secret life as a superhero”.

In the coming week we will be running trials at school to select our representatives.

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.

Sick Children at School

The cold season is well and truly upon us! Already 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.

Planning for 2017

Would you believe that planning for the 2017 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:

July 22nd

Swimming commences

July 25th

Special Morning Tea

Register and come along to Breakfast Club, “Klub Makan”. It’s FREE!



Every school day.

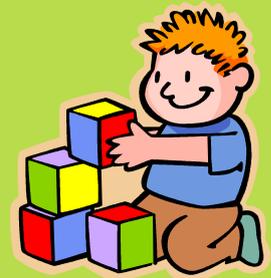
8:15a.m. – 8:50 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.



Parkers Supported Playgroup

Monday 9.30a.m. – 11.00a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

All ages welcome. Come along, It’s free!



We now offer Before School Care!

For more information call the team at Sherpa Kids.