

SCHOOL UPDATE

11th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

With the end of the year fast approaching it is becoming quite a busy time for everyone especially here at school. Please see below some important reminders and upcoming due dates.

PARENT SURVEY

The parent opinion survey needs completing. Currently we have had 44 responses out of the 258 families contacted. This data is vital for the school to move forward and include the values and opinions of all families. The survey closes on Friday 13th November. Please spare some time to complete the survey this week.

Access is via website at <https://www.orima.com.au/parent> with the access pin **332673**

SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE

The school review started last week and has so far been a great success. Some of the highlights noted include:

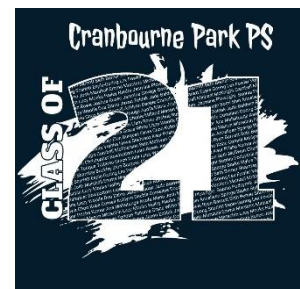
- Positive changes to classroom management
- Students are engaged in classrooms and display a positive attitude to school
- Teachers have continued to show dedication and commitment to their role
- Parent support for change has been well accepted
- Academic results have shown great success in the area of literacy

This week all staff and groups of students will be working with the reviewer from Monash University, two visiting Principals and our region member to gather input and ideas to drive the direction of the school. Parents were asked to participate however only a small number of responses were received.

The review will conclude on November 18th. The school will begin planning the next four years from this date and set targets to work towards each school year. I look forward to the set-up and planning of these goals while working with staff, students and parents over the coming years to achieve them.

GRADE 6, 2021 SHIRTS

The design for the 2021 grade 6 shirts has been finalised. Students have been asked to try on a top and orders can be placed through the school office. Please contact Marcela or Chris to ensure your order has been placed by 4th December. Shirts are available at \$30 each. This will ensure they are available at the start of 2021.



BOOK LISTS BACK BY 11th November

Student essential item lists have been approved by school council and we are pleased with the amount of parents who have already paid. We encourage all families to continue paying for school essential items and complete orders by Friday 11th December. All orders placed by this date will ensure the supply arrives prior to the start of the school year in 2021. Parents will be supported through payment plans if the need arises, please speak with Chris in the main office. All voluntary donations will be used to best support your child in 2021 to ensure they have access to the best learning facilities available.



GRADE 6 PLANTS

Thank you to Bunnings for their donation of plants to support the grade 6 students. As part of our end of year activities all grade 6 students will be invited to participate in a planting activity where they will support the re-building of our garden beds. These plants will serve as a reminder of the year that was 2020 and the challenges the Grade 6 students faced.

STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers have continued to write student reports. This semester the design will be the same as mid-year reports with teachers providing an overview of what was covered in term 3 and 4. Personalised comments will then be provided on their input, commitment to learning and achievements. Student reports will be sent home to families via the Sentral portal in the last week of the school year. It is important that all parents have provided up-to-date contact details and email addresses for this to occur. *For any parent who wishes to be provided a printed copy of the report please contact the school so we can arrange this.*

PREP TRANSITION DAYS TO START

We are very pleased to see that Prep 2021 transition events can now start.

Currently the school is restricted to only having up to 10 new students on site at any one time. With this in mind the school is working to set regular transition times and dates for our new prep students to attend each week starting next week.

Students will begin to develop a connection with the school, begin learning their new peers and experience literacy and numeracy activities. It is still the hope that all students will be able to attend the state wide transition day in December.

All students will complete an EYE (Early Years Evaluation) to assist in determining the level of support needed for next year. This data will also guide our planning early. If you have a prep student due to start in 2021 and have not yet enrolled please contact the office.

SENTRAL COMMUNICATION

The parent portal for Sentral is a valuable way of communicating directly with the classroom teacher. Many parents have continued to make excellent use of this function. Whilst parents can still email the school office directly it is important to note that emails may not be responded to as quickly. Using Sentral will alert the classroom teacher immediately and they will be able to respond accordingly.

I welcome all feedback from our school community, please feel free to email the school or phone to set an appointment time through the front office.

Regards,

Ross Carlson
Acting Principal