

SCHOOL UPDATE

11th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

SCHOOL GARDENS

Spring has sprung and the change has arrived. We have had perfect weather this week and students have jumped at the chance to help out in the school gardens. In preparation of returning to school in term 4 Mrs McLure and her band of helpers (staff and students) have started weeding and replacing planting plants. With the removal of many older trees there will be plenty of work to do with new plants coming at the start of next term. We look forward to the social engagement and student work in this area.



CRANBOURNE PARK SPOONVILLE

Welcome to our Spoonville residents. Currently we have a population of 30 and we are hoping this will quickly grow into a vibrant community. The school has plenty of spoons available for families to make a little family to join our community. We encourage families to come and pick up a spoon, decorate at home and then plant at Spoonville. It would be great if parents could take a photo and email it to the class teacher for us to share. Looking forward to seeing lots of new spoon people joining us.



SCHOOL REVIEW

In term 4 our school review will be occurring. Staff have been very busy with this process spending many hours reviewing historic and current practise and then looking forward with where we want to move the direction of the school.

It is anticipated that many new and exciting pathways will open up for our students and from 2021 there will be a major review of current programs and curriculum implementation.

As Term 4 comes around we want to hear from the parents and carer's of our students about your thoughts on the school and ideas for the future.

STUDENT UNIFORM

Looking towards Term 4 it is important that students return ready for learning and engagement. Part of this process is also about connecting with the school and taking pride in who we are – members of the Cranbourne Park primary school community. Students are required to be in school uniform each day in accordance with school policy.

Whilst we understand that families may be struggling during the COVID climate please be assured the school is able to assist with some uniform requirements. Please contact the office if you think you will need support for your child to attend every day in school uniform for Term 4.

STUDENT READING

It's undeniable that a child's reading skills are important to their success in school, work, and life in general. Whether you're reading a classic novel or fairy tales before bed, reading aloud to children can significantly benefit your child's life. I encourage all parents and other family members to engage in a regular reading routine in order to BEST SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN.

Some benefits reading to children include:

- Supported cognitive development
- Improved language skills
- Preparation for academic success
- Developing a special bond with your child
- Increased concentration and discipline
- Improved imagination and creativity
- Cultivating a lifelong love of reading

When you begin reading aloud to your child, it essentially provides them with background knowledge on their young world, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read. The more children read, the greater their general knowledge and ability to make sense of the world around them.

TERM 4 RETURN

Many parents have requested an update on the return to term 4. I do not have the answers for you as yet. Along with all schools we are waiting for advice from the Department on how they wish for schools to proceed and what the staged return will look like.

At this stage the school will remain in remote and flexible learning for week 1 of term 4 and then a staged return will begin for students to attend full time. More information will come as soon as it is know. I appreciate the challenges facing parents and ask you to continue supporting your child just a little longer.

Ross Carlson
Acting Principal

