



## SCHOOL UPDATE

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17<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

### NEWSLETTER

Our first newsletter has gone out to our community for Term 4. We hope you enjoy the news from each area of the school. We welcome all feedback and ideas to develop the newsletter even further. We have moved away from having a printed copy and it is now distributed through email and available on the school website. The school will also provide a printed copy if you require one, please contact the office.

### FACEBOOK

Cranbourne Park Primary School's Facebook page is now up and running. We are hoping this will be a valuable tool in communicating with our school family the progress and success of our students. School Council and the staff are keen to see parents engaging online.

At the moment the page is quite restricted until we all become more familiar with policy and ensure the safety of the students is always maintained. This means that parents' comments will need to be approved before they become visible. If you have a success story of your child we would love to share it with the community.

### UNIFORM

A reminder to families that from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October the school will start addressing students out of uniform. We are here to support you where we can so please contact us if you have any concerns. From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October students who are not wearing a school hat will not be able to play in the uncovered sections of the yard. The designated area is adjacent to the prep playground and students out of uniform will be restricted to this area.

Many questions have been raised about wearing additional clothing underneath the uniform. As per the school council policy students may wear additional layers to provide warmth. Parents are reminded that these additional layers need to be covered by the school uniform. Students are not allowed to wear different coloured long sleeve shirts underneath a short sleeve school shirt for example.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND CURRICULUM DAYS – TERM 4

There is one public holiday this term.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Grand Final Public Holiday. No students or staff will be on site.

There will be two curriculum days this term.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** (day before Melbourne Cup Day). This Monday will be a student free day. Teachers will be writing end of year student reports and looking at transition for 2021 during this day. No students will be allowed to attend on site. TheirCare will not operate on this day either.

**Date to be set** – the second Curriculum day has not been set. The school will be working through two major reviews of operation this term and it is anticipated a curriculum day will be needed to complete whole school structural review and future development works. We will advise parents of this date once it has been set.

## **2021 STUDENT ESSENTIALS**

School council endorsed the 2021 essential learning items and additional subscriptions for students which will enable a strong working curriculum and enhanced learning outcomes next year. These were emailed out to all parents via Sentral. If you need a printed copy please contact the school – copies can be sent home with your child/ren as the office is closed during the day.

We have already started receiving payments from families. The school is looking towards moving these payments online through Sentral. More information will come however it is not expected to begin until 2021. We ask parents to pay at the school office for Term 4.

A very big thank you to the family for donating \$100 towards the ongoing development of our school. It is very much appreciated that you are supporting all students.

## **STREET PARKING**

A gentle reminder to families that the school carpark is not available for parking during the day or at drop off and collection times. It is also quite unsafe to drive up onto the footpath and you are risking the lives of our students when doing so. I ask that parents refrain from this and adhere to the speed limit signs around school times. It is unfortunate that we have seen parents driving quite fast near the front of the school and ask you to support us in keeping all students and the community safe.

## **PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

We are very pleased to see 33 parents have completed the survey so far. There are still many families to go. Parents have until November 13<sup>th</sup> to complete the survey. This survey will assist us in shaping the direction of the school for 2021 and beyond. The feedback enables us to look at current and historic practice, determine the direction the community wants to take and then we can plan accordingly. This is your once a year opportunity to have your say in an anonymous department survey.

## **2021 ENROLMENTS**

Our 2021 enrolment figures are being worked on to determine how many grades there will be at each year level next year. The leadership team is working to have single level grades rather than all composite levels (eg: Grade ½). To assist us in the planning we have asked parents if they have any children starting in 2021. We have heard from a small group of our families so next week we will be following up with all other families. If you are planning on moving schools at the end of the year we ask you inform us ASAP.

## **STUDENT DOCUMENTS**

Recently we have started to review student details on the school system. Annually these files need to be reviewed as student funding is based on this data. Forms will be sent home for parents/carers to review and return to school. The most common areas that families need to update include:

- Changes of address
- Changes of phone numbers and/or emergency contacts
- Changes to Court orders or introduction of orders and the school has not been informed
- Medical conditions. Some families have not provided the school with up-to-date information or relevant diagnosis reports. These are important so we can accurately and effectively respond.
- Parent work. If you change your job you need to update your details at the school.

Regards,

Ross Carlson  
Acting Principal