

13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

Dear parents/carers and students,

Firstly, I welcome you all back to Term 3. I hope you have had the opportunity to rest after the challenges we faced in Term 2. It looks like we will once again face many challenges around teaching and learning this term.

My name is Mr Ross Carlson and I have started as the Acting Principal for Term 3 at Cranbourne Park Primary School.

To provide you with a brief background on myself, I began teaching in 2005 and have been the Assistant Principal at Courtenay Gardens since 2015. A vast majority of my work in schools has been centered on student wellbeing and behaviour management. I have completed additional training in this field and have used this knowledge to best support our students, families and the school. I have always taken on additional opportunities to extend my knowledge and understanding of school management and will be working with the leadership team to further their skills as well.



Over the second week of the holiday break I have been working with Mr Michael Youngs (Acting Assistant Principal) and our region to best prepare for students to return. Our first step is to prepare our staff and families for returning to the remote and flexible learning for five weeks commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July. More information will be sent out to families later in the week regarding the plan moving forward.

At this stage we are planning on implementing an online platform (Seesaw) that will enable teachers and students to collaborate on a daily basis. This platform will replace the previous use of DB Primary. Teachers will be preparing for the implementation of Seesaw from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July for students in grade 1-6. Prep students will also be supported with a hard pack of activities.

Cranbourne Park PS is due for a School Review in term 3. This occurs every 4 years, as part of the school setting goals and directions for the future. As part of this process, there is community consultation. I will provide further information about this soon as we will need your input. It is an opportunity for parents and members of the school community to have a say in how the school moves forward.

Over the course of the term I look forward to getting to know our students, staff and wider community better and create strong relationships which will enable us all to work together for the best interests in our students.

Please feel free to email the school with any queries you have or contact us via the Parent portal in Sentral. Alternatively, parents are welcome to call the school on 5996 1142 to speak with me.

Regards,

Ross Carlson  
Acting Principal