

SCHOOL UPDATE

14th August 2020

Dear parents / carers,

'You can't undo the past. All we can do is face what's ahead'

As community members we are all anxious about the state of COVID-19 and what lies ahead for our country and our school community. We cannot change the current situation however our attitude and actions can impact what lies ahead.

Staff will be making contact with families for students who have not connected with the school or not completing adequate amounts of school work online. As parents, our commitment to education and our support for children is the most important contributing factor to student success.

I encourage parents to set regular routines for school based work, read every day with your child/ren and engage with them for general conversation. Studies have shown the greatest influence on develop student vocabulary comes from the general conversations we have on a day to day basis. Support your students to answer questions in full sentences, summarise their day around the dinner table and give a re-tell of what they enjoyed doing.

To continue the connection with the school it is important parents show an active interest in what students are completing online. Ask your child/ren to share some of their work with you and provide constructive and positive feedback on their progress.

GROUND WORK AT SCHOOL

While students are working from home we have taken this opportune time to complete some ground work around the school. Students on site have noticed that aged and damaged trees have started to be removed around the school. We will be replacing the garden bed edging and planting new trees hopefully before the end of the term ready for our hopeful return in Term 4.



STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY

A reminder that the student survey will start next week for all students in Grades 4, 5 and 6. Teachers will work with students between now and the end of term to support students through this process.

STUDENT SUPPORT SESSIONS

Our support sessions have started and been a great success. It has been pleasing to see the levels of engagement from both parents and students which in turn will have a great impact on the students involved. These sessions will continue for the remainder of the term and I thank the staff for their commitment to assisting students.

RESILIENCE PROJECT - <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>

I again remind parents and carers of this resource freely available on the internet. This site is a valuable resource of families during these troubling times. Please make use of the website and the activities to best support mental health in both adults and children.

STAFFING

I warmly welcome the continued employment of Miss Kathryn Coxon who was the successful applicant at our recent advertised position. Miss Coxon will be staying with us until the end of the year in the Grade ¾ area while Mr Hughes is working in the main office with student welfare.

PARENT CALLS

A reminder to parents and carers that staff will be calling you to discuss the progress of your children. As they are working from home in line with COVID restrictions the calls will be coming from a blocked number. I understand not everyone wants to answer a blocked caller ID however we ask you to be mindful that it may be the school calling and encourage you to answer.

As teachers are working from home the easiest method for communicating with them is through the Sentral Parent Portal. <https://cranbourneparkps.sentral.com.au/portal> If you need access please call the office.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Last week the students celebrated 100 days of school this year. Our Prep students celebrated with their teachers through webex and activities on seesaw. Congratulations to all the students who have been connecting online with the school for the full 100 days. A great achievement and a milestone for the preps to reach.



BREAKFAST HAMPERS

The school has continued to provide breakfast hampers for those that need them. If you would like a breakfast hamper please contact the office on 5996 7142. The school will be more than pleased to assist.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform is compulsory when attending school. This is important to showcase our school and develop a sense of pride and connection for the students. It is expected that students will wear school uniform when attending school. We understand that some families may find it difficult to cover the cost of the school uniform. State Schools Relief is available to support the costs of replacing uniform. Please contact the school via email if you need assistance.

Kind Regards,

Ross Carlson
Acting Principal