

## PARENT UPDATE

25/10/2021

Dear families,

### RETURN TO SCHOOL

Following on from yesterday's Government update please see an important note relating to school:

- All students are set to return to on-site learning from Monday November 1 however this is a curriculum day for our school and Tuesday November 2 is Melbourne Cup public holiday.
  - o **Students at Cranbourne Park PS will return on Wednesday November 3**

### SQUID GAME

Last week and through seesaw teachers have seen a sudden increase in students talking about and acting out aspects of the popular Netflix show Squid Game.

Whilst it is parent choice as to what children are exposed to at home on TV it is really important that parents then follow up and hold further discussions around the level of violence that the show portrays. Unfortunately, programs like this have been shown to have a detrimental impact on children.

Behavioural and developmental paediatrician Dr Damon Korb has wisely stated this show should not be viewed by children under 16 years of age. He notes the violence has the potential to desensitise children and make them vulnerable as they develop. When the school is being informed of children as young as 5 are watching this show it is of deep concern.

As this show is not appropriate for any student at primary school we will not be supporting any discussion on the game during school hours and will be actively stopping students from simulating games as seen on the show. The most popular is red light, green light. Students will be directed not to play this game.

If you have any concerns or queries please contact me.

### SCHOOL FENCING

The fencing project continues to be completed. It is anticipated that a majority of the work will be completed prior to students returning on-site next week. This project is looking really good so far and we continue to hear lots of positive comments from parents/community members.

This project will also start to pave the way for an oval upgrade, which the school has applied for funding up to \$500,000 from the Department. We will keep parents updated as to the progress.

Regards,

Ross Carlson  
Principal