

SCHOOL UPDATE

28th August 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Change Your Thinking Change Your Life

Our attitude plays an important part in how we lead our lives. A positive outset and attitude will assist in leading a happier lifestyle. Each day I encourage us all to reflect on what we are grateful for in our lives. Think about one aspect of our day that made us feel positive or smile. I often sit at the end of the day and watch my 4 year old read to our 4 month old. The smiles on both their faces enable me to let go and immerse myself in the innocence of children and joy they bring to our lives.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

We continue to encourage all parents to connect with the school through the Sentral parent portal. Currently we are still seeing a lot of parents sending in comments through Seesaw attached to the student work. Teachers have been advised not to reply through this portal rather than to send an email through Sentral.

If you need to connect with the leadership of the school I ask that you email the school email account and your email will be passed onto the appropriate member of staff.

ATTENDANCE

In accordance with the Education and Training Reform Act (2006) schooling is compulsory for all students. Students are expected to attend school every day the school is open for instruction. Cranbourne Park PS places a high priority on students attending school full time once we re-open in Term 4 (hopefully).

When school does resume all students will be expected to attend 100% of the time for the remainder of the year unless an authorised explanation is provided. Given the challenges already faced this year and the significant amount of school missed it will be vital for your child to attend every day if we are to give them the best opportunity to succeed this year.

PENGUIN PARADE

Phillip Island Penguin Parade have started live streaming the arrival of penguins each evening.



This started on Tuesday 25th August with more than 750,000 people tuning in around the world. What an amazing opportunity for your children to see this event for free. Tune into the you tube link for the live stream each night and share the arrival with your family.

<https://www.penguins.org.au/virtual/live-penguin-tv/>

PARENT SURVEY

Earlier this week a survey was emailed out to all parents and carers regarding Remote and Flexible Learning. The school values all feedback from this survey – there are 8 short questions. I would recommend you work through this survey with your child/ren to discuss the questions and provide comments. The survey will be open this week and close next Friday 4th September. The feedback will be used to help support the direction of remote learning for the remainder of the term. If you have concerns about the management of the school I encourage you to include your name so I can follow up and support you.

FATHER'S DAY

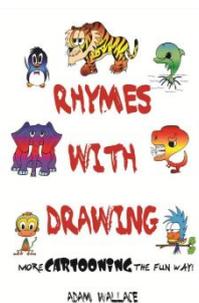
Sunday 6th September is Fathers day. For many students and families that will be a day spent celebrating all the good things about dad. For many others this comfort will not be known. Rather than ignoring the date families can celebrate the positives they have with another special person in their lives – brothers, sisters, parents/step parents, extended family members and support people. Spend some time to thank those around us who have been a rock for our children to lean against.

ON SITE ATTENDANCE

Parents are reminded that in order for your child to attend school they first need to discuss their situation with myself to work out how we can support you. Not every student will be eligible to attend and due to staffing constraints not every student can attend every day. I understand this does cause an inconvenience to families however for the safety of all it is not possible to have everyone here. Parents are also reminded that they need to complete and submit the appropriate permit to travel forms prior to the discussion about attendance.

2021 STUDENT RESOURCES

The school has started the process to look at best prices and on-time delivery for the 2021 school essentials. Given the current struggles with supply issues from China the school will need to move ahead quickly to ensure orders are placed and will arrive prior to the school year starting. We understand that students still have resources here this year that can be used so we anticipate not requiring as many and ordering in bulk packs. The school is also investigating online subscriptions that will carry over from 2020 and working to ensure costs are as low as possible. As always the school will support parents struggling financially and payment plans are available.



FREE HOW TO DRAW BOOKS - <https://www.adam-wallace-books.com/>

Adam Wallace is a best-selling author who has generously uploaded two of his “Hot to Draw” books on his website for free. Students can download his book and follow the steps to draw a number of cartoons.

A great activity on a rainy day and away from completing activities on a screen. Why not download and try this on the weekend.

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