



## Newsletter

Respect for self, others, learning and environment.

### From the Principal's Office...

From the Principal

Where has the time gone? Term 1 has flown by and we have two weeks left until the Easter holidays. Term 1 has been a very busy time for our school and many events and plans have been put in place to support new staff, new students and a new curriculum. I am very pleased to see the progress we have made and the outcomes it is providing for all students.

Projects continue to happen around the school to provide the best learning atmosphere and facilities. We have all seen the freshly painted gymnasium and the exterior of the BER has also been updated to remove the old green colour. Both these facilities now look bigger and brighter.

The shade structure along the gym wall has finally been finished. This long-awaited project will provide a large outdoor learning space for multiple grades and a space for students to play under during period of heat and wet weather. This will mean that students can spend more time outside.

The toilet blocks in the BER continue to be upgraded. Due to construction issues more than 10 years ago, we have had to spend a lot of time upgrading the flooring and pipe connections. Further work will be carried out over the Easter break ready for term 2.

Earlier this term, students in year 3 and 4 attended Bunjil Place to visit an art exhibition, the theatre and the local library. This was a great experience for them and our school. We received lots of positive feedback with Bunjil Place phoning to congratulate our students and staff on their engagement and respect for others in the venue. Well done! School photos have all been proofed and will be ready (fingers crossed) by the end of term. We will keep families updated as we receive more information (At School Council, discussion was held about the challenges with ordering and costs involved. The school is investigating what options are available for 2024).

Last week a survey was emailed out to all families. Whilst we know lots of people are busy with their everyday lives, it is really important we have feedback from parents to help us drive the school forward. These surveys will continue to come out each term and we appreciate if you could spend 2 minutes completing them. A reminder that there is a free dress day on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>. A gold coin donation is required for any student in free dress. Funds from this day will help purchase the Easter Chocolate hampers – raffle tickets will be coming home!!

**We end our term with a school picnic on the oval. Fingers crossed for nice weather. The picnic will start at 1:30pm and students dismissed at 2:30pm. Bring along lunch and enjoy the end of term together.**

On behalf of all staff, I wish all students and families a safe Easter holiday period and we look forward to seeing all students back at school in Term 2.

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### Dates to Remember



**Thursday March 30 , 2023**

Free Dress Day for Gold Coin Donation

**Thursday April 6 , 2023**

Last day of Term and Family picnic

### Did you know...



Surely you have heard of animals using tools to get food, for example Wedge Tail Eagles steal eggs from empty nests and use stones to gently crack the egg open so they can eat the delicious gooey interior. But have you heard of a bird making its own tools? The New Caledonian Crow makes its own tools by sharpening twigs in order to get to grubs hidden in rotting wood. What a marvel of Nature!



### LOST PROPERTY

**Please label your uniform and check the lost property cupboard for missing items**

# Running Club

It has been very pleasing seeing many new faces join us on a Tuesday and/or Thursday morning for Running club.

## Special Mentions

Congratulations to Nash Ehrnholm the younger brother of Darcey and Lochie who has completed 5kms. Well done Nash!

## 5 Kilometre Runners

Well done to the following students who have completed 5km: Adykus W 1L, Ashton P1L, William R 1S, Valisa M 2D, Oliver W 2D, Wilson M 2E, Lino M 2E, Carter H 2E, Lochie E 4B, Harry P 6C & Tegan G 6N.

## 10 Kilometre Runners

Congratulations to the student who managed to achieve an amazing 10km, MJ 2D & Lochlan G 6N for being on his way to 20km.



*If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you*



# What's Happening at school?



*New Shade Structure*

The new, school shade structure located at the back of the gym has now been completed. This undercover area will provide a shaded learning space for our students to use as well as a protected area for play on hot days.!



## Harmony Day

### Grade 1 & 2

Today the year 1s and 2s celebrated harmony by creating a hand display showing who they are.

Together we are one school!





# *The Secret is Out.....*

Guess what??

We are about to launch the Dogs Connect program at Cranbourne Park Primary School. This is a whole school wellbeing program which will see the formal introduction of a wellbeing dog in our community.

The Dogs Connect program will support the whole school in implementing our new dog gradually, thoroughly and considerately. At this stage, if you would like more information please look at [www.dogsconnect.com.au](http://www.dogsconnect.com.au)

We are very excited to be formally introducing this new program to our school community. The puppies are currently 6 weeks old and we need YOUR help to decide which one we should get... The dog will live with Ms Rattigan and has a core team of teachers who have successfully completed the Dogs Connect training (Miss Bell, Mrs Douma, Mr Ballard, Mr Carlson, Mrs Qualizza, Mrs Sarnyai).

This program will have a really positive impact on our student wellbeing, as has been seen with the rollout of our Ducks! We acknowledge and respect that the connection to students and the wellbeing dog will be offered on a great variety of levels to allow a comfortable and positive connection for all students.



Boy



Girl

# Community Engagement Survey

## Community Engagement Survey

How do you currently engage with Council?

*We know that belonging to a community is important and being able to share your thoughts and provide input into local decision-making processes should be a relatively simple process.*

*Over the last few years, we have heard that as a community, Casey residents would like us to share more information about issues that affect them and be provided with greater opportunities to provide input into Council decision-making processes.*

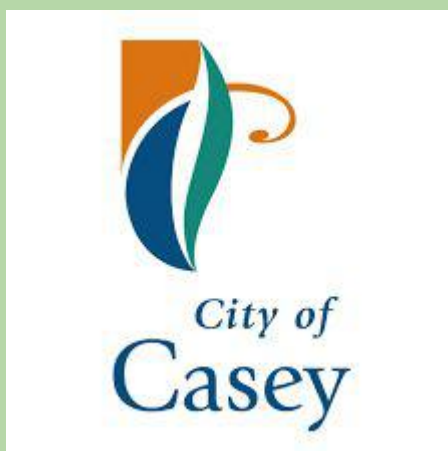
*The City of Casey would now like to hear from you on how we can improve the way we reach out to you and seek your opinion on a range of important issues and decisions.*

*We have developed a short survey below to help understand what is important to you and how we can best share information with you in the future. We hope you will take a few minutes of your time to share your views with us.*

***By completing the survey you will go in the draw to win one of two \$250 EFTPOS vouchers.***

***The survey will be open from Friday, 10 February to Monday 27, March 2023.***

[City of Casey Community Engagement Survey | Casey Conversations](#)





# Free Dress Day

THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH

FREE DRESS  
DAY



Chocolate Easter  
Raffle tickets will be  
sent home today.  
Each ticket is \$1.  
Good Luck!

GOLD COIN DONATION

DONATIONS WILL BE USED TO CREATE PRIZES FOR OUR  
EASTER RAFFLE WHICH WILL BE DRAWN AT THE END OF  
TERM PICNIC THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL.

TICKETS WILL BE COMING HOME SHORTLY

# Family Picnic

*Save the Date: 6 April 2023 @ 1:30pm*

**You are invited to the end of Term 1 family picnic.**

**We will be celebrating the end of term together. We have worked hard and it's time to celebrate!**

**Where:** On the school oval

**When:** Thursday 6 April 2023 at 1:30pm

**What to bring:** Picnic chairs or a rug to sit on, snacks for your family, a hat, sunscreen.

All family members are welcome to attend!





# Reminders

## Mark your Calendars!

Thursday April 6, 2023  
Last Day of Term 1

*Remember to read  
with your children  
everyday*



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but .....

If your child misses...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is...
1 Day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 11
1 Day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 10
2 Days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equals to finishing in grade 7
3 Days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years	Equals to finishing in grade 4

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS ...

**Lost minutes mean lost learning!**

When your child misses just ....	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning time each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
1/2 an hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years of learning



# Community News



## Friday lunch orders

HOT FOOD	
Hot Dog	\$4.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Cheeseburger	\$4.00
Party Pie	\$1.00
Party Sausage Roll	\$1.00
Mini Spring Roll	\$1.00
Dim Sim	\$1.00
Chicken Nugget	\$0.50

DRINKS	
Chocolate Milk	\$1.50
Strawberry Milk	\$1.50
Apple & Blackcurrant Juice	\$1.00
Apple Juice	\$1.00
Orange Juice	\$1.00

OTHER ITEMS	
Popcorn	\$1.00
Tomato Sauce	\$0.30
Soy Sauce	\$0.30
Paper bag	\$0.20



Please place your child's order, name and grade on a brown paper bag and give to the office by 9.30am every Friday morning.

## Friday Lunch Orders

Are you thinking of having a lunch order on Friday?

There are some simple steps to placing an order:

1. Write your name and class on a lunch order bag or envelope (If order is in an envelope include an extra 20 cents for a lunch order bag)
2. Note down the items you would like to order along with the price per item.
3. Add the prices up and write down the total on the lunch bag or envelope.
4. Put the money in the bag/envelope or pay by Eftpos at the school office
5. Hand your lunch order in at the office when you arrive at school

Your lunch order will be delivered to your classroom at eating time

**Running Club**  
**Tuesday & Thursday - During Term 1**  
**On the Oval 8:30am - 8:45am**  
**Everyone is welcome!**

# Community News

Would you like to take a picture in front of our Feather Wall Art?

The Watercolour Resist Feathers are available for YOU to take pictures of yourself and/or family members. It is located just outside the art room. Please visit the art installation during pick up and drop off times

Don't forget to tag us on Facebook.



## ATTENTION HEALTH CARE CARD HOLDERS



**APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON!**  
**Do you have a Health Care Card in 2023?**

**If so, you may be entitled to receive the Camps, Sports & Excursion Funds CSEF payment from the Victorian Government.**

**Please see our friendly staff in the school office for more information.**

**Remember to bring your card along!**



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[www.cranbournesc.vic.edu.au](http://www.cranbournesc.vic.edu.au)

**Tel: 5996 3544**

*At Cranbourne Secondary College we are a respectful, responsible learning community*



# Community News



## Moonlit Sanctuary

*the best way to see Aussie animals*

### KEEPER CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out Moonlit Sanctuary's Keeper Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, kids get up close to many animals including dingoes and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

For ages 7-14 | Cost \$99 | 9am-2pm  
See our website for more info.



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550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale



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### GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

## JUNIOR KEEPER CLUB



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES, ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AND NATIVE ANIMAL CARE

Includes interactions with dingoes, pythons, feeding animals, food prep and animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment.  
For ages 7-14 years.

#### Autumn Holiday Program

Week 1: Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th April

Week 2: Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th, Friday 21st April  
Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 | 9:00am start - 2:00pm finish

#### Special Needs Keeper Club

Tuesday 11th April

10:00am start, 1:15pm finish.

Cost \$99 per day. Price includes one caregiver for each child.

The Special Needs Keeper Club program provides an opportunity for children who love animals but are unable to attend our mainstream Keeper Club program due to specialised learning or physical needs, and who may require additional support from a parent, guardian or carer.

Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Park  
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale | Phone 5978 7935  
[www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au](http://www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au)  
Open daily between 10am and 4pm. Keeper Club runs from 9:00am-2:00pm.



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## Give life. Give blood in Cranbourne.

Hall 1, Cranbourne West Community Hub  
4 Flicka Boulevard  
20 to 31 March



Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

12 pm - 8 pm  
12 pm - 8 pm  
12 pm - 8 pm  
8 am - 8 pm  
8 am - 3:30 pm

give blood

## RED CROSS NEWS:

When: March 20-31

Where: Cranbourne West  
Community Hub

Got a bit of time next month?  
Time to give blood and  
change lives? 1 in 3 people  
in Cranbourne will need  
blood, and they need people  
like you to give it. We're  
popping up in town from 20  
to 31 March. Don't forget to  
pre-book your spot at  
[lifeblood.com.au](http://lifeblood.com.au), on our app  
or on

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