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**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

A very important message from the Department of Education and Early Childhood & Training (DEECT)

**Children and Hot Cars. No Exceptions. No Excuses.**

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car.

The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside. Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death.

Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks. Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

For more information, see: Kidsafe Victoria

**Cheryl Van Deursen - Principal**

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**Quote of the Week**

‘We have the power to make this the best generation of mankind in the history of the world - or to make it the last.’

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Address to the United Nations [1963]
FROM THE OFFICE

Please note that money for excursions, incursions etc. are to be placed in an envelope with the Child’s name grade and event and handed in to the classroom teacher. EFT payments can be made at the office.

If you are the holder of a pension or health care card and have not submitted an EMA application please see the office.

School banking and canteen resume this Friday (7/02/14). Breakfast club will be starting next Tuesday and Thursday at 8.15am until 8.45am.

CURRICULUM

Welcome back!

It has been a great start to the year, with students happy and settled in their new learning communities. We have had a lot of new students start with us this year – so welcome to Cranbourne Primary School!

All students in Prep – Grade 6 will have a student diary that is to be used to keep a record of their reading at home, as well as recording any homework tasks and special events. Please encourage your child to use their diary daily. This will help them to develop positive homework and study habits and will encourage them to be responsible. The diary will also be checked by teachers so it is important that parents check the diary regularly for messages from teachers and to keep up to date with homework tasks and learning expectations.

Reading at home is the main focus of homework at CPS – for all students from Prep to Grade 6! We expect all students to be reading at home and recording what they read and for how long in their diary. If your child does not like reading fiction books, then provide them with other material such as newspapers, magazines, comics, non-fiction books, electronic books, etc. We have also requested that all students have a Take Home Book bag, to help protect our school’s resources. They can also use this bag to hold their diary and any notices that get sent home – making it easier for parents to locate important information. These bags can be purchased at Beleza.

Our Community Evening on Tuesday 18th February will be an opportunity for parents to meet learning community teachers and receive information regarding learning expectations. The evening will also involve some Tabloid Sports and a barbecue. We hope that you come along and support the evening. More information will be provided.

Di Fernand - Assistant Principal