UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 6th August
Grade 5/6 Excursion to Wizard of Oz

Monday 12th August
Grade 5/6 Hoop time

Tuesday 13th August
Special Pasta day Lunch
Orders due by 9.30am
Friday the 2nd August

Saturday 17th August
PFA Bunnings BBQ

Tuesday 27th August
Art
Show/Literacy/Numeracy
Evening 5-7pm

Monday 16th - Friday 20th September
Life Education Van

Thursday 19th September
Footy Day

We are very excited to see the latest development in the Prep and Junior learning communities with the introduction of ‘Developmental Play’ (outlined in last week’s curriculum news).

This program supports much of the latest research into childhood development, which identifies the critical role of ‘play’ in the development of literacy, numeracy, cooperation, organisation, independence, curiosity, creativity and confidence.

One area of play which we often shy away from is playing with dirt – because it is dirty!

An increasing range of research indicates that dirt does the body (and brain) good.

Here are five reasons why it might be fine to let your kids get a little dirty every now and again.

1. Dirt Is Good for the Body
2. Dirt Is Good for the Brain
3. Dirt Is Good for Skin
4. Dirt Fights Allergies and Asthma
5. Dirt Is Outdoors

For the extended version of this article, follow this link:
‘Five reasons to let your kids play in dirt’

See this site for great ideas....

Cheryl Van Deursen – Principal

Quote:
’In every real man a child is hidden that wants to play’

- Friedrich Nietzsche
CURRICULUM NEWS

**Writers’ Notebook.**

Students in our Middle School (Grades 3 & 4) and Senior School (Grades 5 & 6) have started Term 3 with a slightly different approach to writing – "Writers’ Notebook". This approach to writing encourages the child to write about topics familiar to them – something they may have experienced in their life.

Each student has a ‘special book’ (journal) that they decorate to reflect their interests and personality. They then collect items, photos, etc. to put in the book. They also write notes and ideas in their journal that together with the personal items, are used as reminders/triggers by the child to prompt a writing piece.

In this way, the students are able to write about something they feel passionate about, are interested in or have strong memories of. Their writing has meaning for them and has a purpose.

The writing curriculum still covers all of the skills needed to be able to complete a piece of writing – punctuation, grammar, spelling, vocabulary and investigating specific writing styles. The addition of Writers’ Notebook to our curriculum will enable students to select a topic to write about for themselves.

You can support this approach at home by helping your child to locate photos, memorabilia from family holidays, outings, special events or personal achievements that they may like to include in their journal. You could also encourage your child to write at home. Allow your child to complete shopping lists, phone messages, letters/emails to grandparents or family members, and cards for special occasions. These are all ways to encourage your child to write for a particular purpose. Many children like to keep a personal diary/journal, particularly on a family holiday. Provide your child with a variety of writing equipment to make the exercise more interesting and stimulating.

*Di Fernand - Assistant Principal*
Cyber Safety Tips

Follow these Tips to Help Keep Your Child Safe While On Line

First and foremost children should be at least **13 years old** to have an account with:
- My Space
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- Snap Chat

When they are 13 make sure all settings are private and their birthday is correct. Privacy settings are different for 13-18 years than for those over 18.

Ensure your child does not share their password with others. However, you should know your child’s password and you should be able to access their accounts if you want to.

Have computers in an area where they can be monitored, remember iPods, iPads, tablets, Xbox, PS consoles and mobile phones all have access to the internet and should also be monitored by parents.

Discuss with your child the information they are allowed to share online eg. I live in Victoria, the South East suburbs. Never share where you go to school, your address or your phone number. Use a nickname/onscreen name instead.

Know who your child is talking to online. Remember an online friend that you don’t know in real life is a stranger.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank-you to all the families who have shopped at the Good Guys and brought in their Cranbourne Cash vouchers – congratulations to those families who had members of their extended family also shop and collect vouchers. Please pass this on to family and friends to think of our school when they need to make white goods or electrical appliance purchases.

BUNNINGS BBQ

Please support our school!!

A separate notice is included with this newsletter regarding the Bunnings BBQ to be held at the Homemakers Centre Cranbourne on Saturday 17th August.

This is a great fundraising opportunity for our school, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

We need volunteers to help with cooking and serving during the day.

If you are able to help on this day please return the slip attached to the notice.

Or come along and buy a sausage!

Thank you from your PFA.

School Uniform Reminder!

Please ensure your child attends school in correct school uniform. Coats, jackets and scarves can be worn travelling to and from school, but students must wear correct school uniform during the school day. During these colder days students need to have correct school jumpers to wear. ‘Hoodies’ are not part of our school uniform.

Hats will be compulsory again in term 4. If your child has lost their hat, new hats can be purchased from Beleza.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE ‘GOOD GUYS’ WHO HAVE PASSED ON TO OUR SCHOOL THE BENEFITS FROM CRANBOURNE CASH. WE WERE PROUD TO RECEIVE THE CHEQUE FOR OVER $4,500.00. THIS MONEY HAS GONE TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF FRIDGES AND FREEZERS THAT SUPPORT OUR STAFF & STUDENT WELL BEING.