I would like to thank the staff at our school for an amazing year. Our learning communities have operated a ‘fluid’ curriculum, providing learning for our students at their point of need.

I am pleased to announce that our staff profile for 2014 will be: Prep – Miss Manieka Radford, Junior team – Miss Beck Armstrong, Mrs Amanda McLaughlin, Mrs Lisa Hughes, Middle team – Mrs Lisa Bloomfield, Miss Shelley Gadsby, Mrs Erin Robinson, Senior team – Mr Ian Wormell, Mrs Mary Chen, Mrs Mary Doolan, Specialist team – Mr Gary Peel, Mrs Michelle Donovan, Mrs Kim Biram, Education Support team – Mrs Sandra Gunther, Mrs Catherine Pedic, Office – Ms Gail Yates, Mrs Sharon Pocock, Assistant Principal – Mrs Di Fernand. I would like to thank and acknowledge the committed work done by staff members who will not be returning in 2014. I wish all the best to Mrs Renata Pereira, Ms Heather Maslen and Mr Laval Fernand and I thank them for their contributions to the students at Cranbourne Primary School.

Cheryl Van Deursen - Principal

Quote of the Week
‘Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.’

- Nelson Mandela
Please note that the school day finishes at 3.15pm. All children should be collected promptly. Yard duty supervision finishes at 3.30pm. If you are unable to collect your child by this time, please make alternative arrangements. After school care is available from Cranbourne Day Care and Kindergarten Centre phone - 5966-1415 or Westernport Child Care Centre - phone 5995-4970.

SCHOOL BANK AND CANTEEN
LAST DAY WILL BE FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER.

The year as we remember:

Local events

- Our Carnival was a huge success
- School walkathon/pyjama day was lots of fun and raised money for CPS
- Many students achieved excellent results and personal bests representing our school in sporting events.
- Many families attended our Open night that showcased Literacy, Numeracy and our student Art work

National events

- Australia has been led by three Prime Ministers over the year
- Analogue television ceased broadcast
- Hawthorn won the AFL grand final – Buddy moved to Sydney

World events

- Scientists used a 3D printer to create a living organism
- Pope Benedict resigned his position
- Prince George was born to Kate and William
- The world paid tribute to the life of Nelson Mandala

Di Fernand - Assistant Principal
The school holidays are fast approaching and the extended break over the Christmas period is an exciting and eagerly awaited time for all schools.

As exciting as it is, it is also a time when some young people engage in behaviour that not only impacts on themselves in a negative way but also the community as a whole.

Some of the issues over this period include:
- Theft offences at shopping centres (Shoplifting)
- Property damage offences around schools and other community locations
- Assaults at teenage parties that are often alcohol/drug related

The consequences of this type of criminal behaviour can involve a young person being arrested by police, interviewed and potentially ending up in the Children’s Court. The resulting police/criminal record comes with long term disadvantage as future employment and even travel overseas may be affected.

Christmas also brings safety concerns for young people with some becoming victims of road trauma. Something as simple as wearing a helmet while riding a bike not only ensures you will not be fined by police ($180) but also goes a long way to minimising injury if you are involved in a collision.

Casey Youth Resource Officers - 59910612
Thank-you to all the families and friends who have shopped at the Good Guys and earned donation credits to support our school.

School Uniform Reminder!
School hats are compulsory this term. If your child has lost their hat, new hats can be purchased from Beleza.

Cranbourne Primary School
Dance Fever Concert

5.30pm – 6.30pm
Sausage Sizzle - $1.00 each
Drinks - $1.00

Raffle drawn during the evening

Prizes for students who sell the most raffle tickets include:
Ipod (Overall school winner),
Itunes vouchers (Learning Community winners)

Please have ALL ticket sheets and money returned to school no later than
Friday 14th December 2013

We look forward to seeing you there!